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The oil crisis: Moral obligation and economic necessity do not always coincide

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NEW YORK (JTA)–
Oil is America's most important business in the Middle East, the Persian Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula. Now the government and private oil firms, caught in the crunch of a so-called energy crisis at home and demands by Arab governments that the U.S. reverse its Mideast policy regarding Israel, are walking an economic and diplomatic tightrope.

The administration is undergoing pressure by the powerful oil cartels through their lobby in Washington to protect their investments and economic future in the oil areas. The Arab governments are vowing to curtail the oil flow and threaten to nationalize and confiscate the billions of dollars worth of equipment and capital. But the administration also feels a deep moral obligation to support Israel as the democratic oasis in a desert of feudal sheikdoms.

However, two events in as many weeks indicate once again that moral obligations and economic necessity do not always coincide in the world of realpolitik. The first event was a letter issued by Standard Oil of California. The second was a television interview with assistant secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs, Joseph J. Sisco. The first created a storm. The second one passed unnoticed, almost. On July 26, SOCAL sent a slick letter to its 40,000 employees and 262,000 stockholders noting that the U.S. is not producing enough oil and gas to meet the overall demands for these energy resources. This, the letter stated, raises a "key question," namely, "from where is all this oil to come?" Not one to waste too much time, Otto N. Miller, chairman of the board of SOCAL, came right to the point and stuck to it for the remaining 350-word letter. "Obviously," he wrote in answer to his question, "we must look to all parts of the world, but primarily to the prolific oil fields of the Arab-Persian Gulf area which contains almost two-thirds of the Free World's oil reserves."

What makes this letter interesting is that while it notes in passing that "we must acknowledge the legitimate interests of all the peoples of the Middle East" and suggests a course "which above all seeks a peaceful and just settlement of conflicting viewpoints," there is not a single mention of Israel's existence nor its interests nor viewpoint regarding a just settlement in the Mideast. In fact, when Miller mentions the long-standing U.S.-Arab friendship he notes that this involves "cultural relations which encompass education and religion, as well as commercial trading."

Miller's subliminal anti-Israel thrusts are highly impressive: "more than 100 years of friendship," in other words, remember that Israel doesn't have seniority; "all of us who are citizens of the United States," in orther words, don't let those who live here but are loyal to foreign interests pressure the government; relationships which encompass religion, in other words, remember that there are more Christians and Moslems in the Middle East than Jews.

Miller's explanation of what he meant to convey in his letter of July 26 can only be viewed as a rationalization under pressure. But in the justifiable protests against the letter, the second development appears to have been overlooked or, until now, at least, ignored.

Several days after Miller's letter was made public, Sisco presented to an Israeli television audience his view of American interests in the Middle East, the Persian Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula. He said that "while our interests in many respects are parallel to the interests of Israel, they are not synonymous with the state of Israel."

Sisco then drove home the point when he observed: "There is increasing concern in our country, for example, over the energy question, and I think it is foolhardy to believe that this is not a factor in the situation." Questions: Were the statements of Miller and Sisco coincidental or inter-related? Was Sisco's statement a hint to SOCAL and the Arabs that U.S. diplomatic pipelines in the Mideast are not merely conduits for Israel? Was Miller's letter written with some realization that it would stimulate a favorable state department reflex? Was Sisco's statement off the cuff or cleared first with the state department? Was Sisco's statement one of policy or an emphasis on the obvious?

There is some indication that Miller's letter and Sisco's statement are linked by the Saudi Arabian connection. Research indicates that oil firms, eager to maintain and expand the profitable role in Saudi Arabia, have invested $700 million in that country in the last 12 months in order to increase capacity to nine million barrels a day.

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Russian emigration cut back 7 per cent

NEW YORK (JTA)–
The Soviet Union has cut back by seven per cent last year's emigration of Jews to Israel and it may eventually be less than 15 per cent. This was reported by Richard Maass, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Maass said that from 400,000 to 500,000 Jews would emigrate if given the opportunity, while some two million Soviet Jews would stay. Appearing with Maass was Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and Nicholas Scoppetta, New York City commissioner of investigation, who recently returned from a trip to the Soviet Union where he met with Soviet officials and Soviet Jewish leaders.

Stein revealed that during a visit to the White House in April, President Nixon told Jewish leaders he would raise the question of Soviet Jews with Soviet leaders at every opportunity. "He made this pledge and kept it in good faith," Stein said. Both Maass and Stein reported that contrary to published reports, there had been little progress from their meetings with Dr. Henry Kissinger, Nixon's national security advisor. Stein said that Israel had 22 absorption centres that have in the past two years taken care of 50,000 Soviet Jews.

The original manuscript of articles on Toronto and Canada which appear in the Encyclopaedia Judaica, was recently presented to Toronto Mayor David Crombie. Pictured left to right, Mayor Crombie, Philip Givens, national president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, who made the presentation; David Satok, chairman, Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, and Ben Kayfetz, executive director, Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, and author of the Toronto article.

'Dramatic effort' called for by new campaign chairman

TORONTO–
Murray B. Koffler has been appointed chairman of the 1974 United Jewish Appeal campaign, according to an announcement from Stephen E. Berger, president of the United Jewish Appeal of Metropolitan Toronto.

The UJA president praised Koffler as "a dedicated and generous supporter of Israel and of many Canadian causes. His dynamic personality, his deep feeling of responsibility to the community and his devotion to our tradition of concern for our fellow man make him ideally suited for the role of campaign chairman. He will add new dimensions and bring a fresh new approach to the campaign."

In accepting the appointment, the new chairman said he is looking for a major breakthrough in UJA fundraising in 1974 and said the times call for greatly increased participation and a much broader base of giving.

He said the "low profile" campaigns of the past few years have been extremely effective, with the campaign total rising steadily. But, he added, now is the time for a much more dramatic effort to put the campaign at a new, high level so that the community can meet immediate and future rising costs of services in Israel and in Toronto.

Murray B. Koffler

He pointed out that projections by local agencies and the pressing social undertakings of Israel indicate that the Diaspora will have to raise millions more annually for the UJA. "The 1974 campaign," he said, "should be a significant step in achieving a new level of giving."

The chairman is confident that the campaign will gain the maximum support of all segments and all interests of the community. He defines "UJA" as a "United Jewish Approach." In order to achieve this more effectively, new office space for the campaign has been allocated through the efforts of George Mann of United Trust, in a midtown building, and this office will be geared specificially to the requirements of the campaign.

Koffler is no stranger to UJA campaigning. He was vice - chairman of the record - breaking 1967 emergency campaign and, despite the exacting demands of business and his many other interests, he has always participated actively in the annual campaign.

He has an infectious enthusiasm, and when he talks about organizing a community-wide study mission to Israel to fill a Boeing 707, or about an opening dinnner attended by 2,000, it doesn't take long for the people around him to agree wholeheartedly that no campaign project is too big to be undertaken. He has already appointed Bud Rothschild and Eddie Creed to lead this mission.

He is especially enthused about getting back into harness the past UJA chairmen whose campaign experience and know how will be utilized to the maximum, he said, to help achieve new goals in 1974. Acceptances have already been received from many of the previous chairmen. Koffler has also asked Al Green, chairman of the highly successful 1973 UJA campaign, to be the honorary chairman of the year.

Koffler, who is chairman of the board and Chief Executive Officer of Koffler Stores Limited, a Canadian-wide merchandising operation, was in the news recently when he launched the construction of the Canadian Centre for Nuclear Physics on the campus of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel. A 50-man delegation

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Keeping the faith on Shabbat

TORONTO–
A recommendation that Sabbath - observing merchants be allowed to keep open Sundays will be submitted this fall to the Borough of North York.

Ben Kayfetz, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, will meet September 25 with North York Council or a council committee to submit the proposal.

In 1970, a similar recommendation was made by Congress to the Law Reform Commission, but it was rejected. "The provincial government has taken no action one way or another on the proposals of the commission," said Kayfetz.

The provincial justice department is preparing a policy paper, to be issued this fall, advocating that small stores be granted permission to do Sunday business. Kayfetz said he is not prepared to comment until he sees the report. "When it is issued, we will make some proposals along the lines of those made to the Law Reform Commission," he said.

His dream comes true

From our Hamilton Bureau–
Bill Stern, former executive director of the Hamilton Council of Jewish Organizations, has left his post as associate director of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Buffalo, N.Y., to become the first Jewish director of Toronto's University Settlement House.

For Stern, who began his career there, it's a dream come true. All the more so since he remembers, 20 years ago, being told by the then director that "he had combed the Anglo-Saxon world for the right person."

He is particularly proud of having been chosen because, he says, "it is unheard of for a Jew to head this type of agency." Perhaps, he hopes, he has opened the way for other Jews.

Bill Stern

A shorter maternity stay, circumcision in the home possible results of Bill 65

By T. SCHNURMACHER
MONTREAL–
Jewish parents may not be able to have their infant boys circumcized at the Jewish General Hospital any longer, as the length of a new mother's hospital stay may be shortened from the traditional eight days, according to the hospital's Executive Director Dr. William R. Slatkoff.

Dr. Slatkoff explained the implications of Health and Social Services Bill 65 on the Jewish community. Part of the bill concerns the closing of Montreal's famed West End maternity hospital the Catherine Booth, and the reorganization of obstretrical services on the island.

The Quebec government has asked the Jewish General Hospital to increase its number of deliveries since the maternity wards of some of the smaller hospitals will soon be eliminated. The government believes that the larger institutions are better equipped, and have the necessary equipment and staff to deal with cases that require intensive care.

Last year 2,075 children were delivered at the Jewish General Hospital. The government is requesting an increase of 50 per cent to over 3,000 births annually.

How will the Jewish General Hospital accommodate this increase? Dr. Slatkoff explained: "We will either have to increase our accommodations or shorten the length of stay of each mother after childbirth. At present, most mothers of Jewish male children stay for eight days and the circumcision is performed here at the hospital. If their length of stay is curtailed, the circumcision will have to be performed in the home.

"The ritual of circumcision is a 'simcha' of the highest order, but our hospital must adapt itself to changing conditions. Besides, a 'simcha' is a 'simcha' whether it is performed in the hospital or in the home."

The increase in maternity cases at the Jewish General Hospital will have still another effect on Montreal's Jewish community. The hospital has received a directive from the government regarding the medical treatment of children. After October 1, 1973, the Jewish General Hospital will no longer admit children under the age of 14 but will refer them to either nearby St. Justine's Hospital or the Montreal Children's Hospital.

The fate of the Catherine Booth Hospital is still undecided. It might become a senior citizens' home, a terminal cancer unit, or a centre for drug addicts.

Arbitration by seminary is sought by Rosenberg

TORONTO–
Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg has agreed that his claim against Beth Tzedec Congregation be submitted "in good faith" for private arbitration to the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. His lawsuit was initiated following his firing last January by the board of governors.

The statement was issued on behalf of Rabbi Rosenberg by his lawyer, Walter Williston. It said the rabbi has agreed that the Jewish Theological Seminary appoint a special rabbinical tribunal to consist of three rabbis, members of the Rabbinical Assembly, to be appointed by the chancellor of the seminary, and that the chancellor shall be one of the three.

Williston said the specific terms of such an arbitration are set out in a letter which Rabbi Rosenberg is sending to the Joint Placement Commission of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York City.

Rabbi Rosenberg's offer to have the issue dealt with by three rabbis is not in line with the reported willingness of Beth Tzedec's board of governors to have a three-man board on which they would have a nominee, hear the case for and against the rabbi. One source said Rabbi Rosenberg's proposal is more in the nature of a counter - proposal and omits any reference to dropping of the lawsuit, which is a condition of the Beth Tzedec's agreement to have an imposed settlement.

Rabbi Rosenberg

The lawsuit is divided into two parts; one against the congregation as a whole, and the other against eight members, some of them being members of the board of governors.

The Joint Placement Commission next meets in New York on August 21.

Dr. Fred Weinberg, Beth Tzedec president, who has maintained a low profile in recent months, refusing to make any public statement, was called by The Canadian Jewish News and told of Rabbi Rosenberg's proposal.

"I feel that I can speak for the board of governors and say we are pleased that Rabbi Rosenberg has agreed to remove the court action against the congregation and its officers from the public forum where it does not belong," Dr. Weinberg said. "I feel that Jewish religious, intermural issues do not belong in the courts.

"We have already outlined our agreement to binding arbitration and are confident that the composition of the final arbitration board and the terms can be worked out fairly to all parties concerned."

Dr. Weinberg refused to comment on major points of difference between Rabbi Rosenberg's three - rabbi proposal, and the arbitration views of the Beth Tzedec board. He said he preferred to wait until he had an opportunity to study the Rosenberg statement and confer with others.

Daring scheme misfired: Jerusalem

JERUSALEM–
A daring plan that misfired, was the description given by a government spokesman to last week's interception of a Middle East airliner by Israeli warplanes near Beirut. The Arab plane was forced to fly to a military airfield in Israel.

The plane was detained for two hours while the Israelis interrogated the passengers. Then the airliner was allowed to proceed on its scheduled flight to Iraq. The spokesman said it was expected that Arab terrorist leaders would be among the passengers, but this was not the case.

Lebanon has asked the Security Council to take action against what it called "state terrorism."

Execution of Soviet writers in 1952 must spur us on to decisions: editor

By ROCHELLE CARR
TORONTO–
To say that the only good Russian Jews are those that put themselves in a precarious position by attempting to leave Russia, is analogous to saying that the only worthwhile Israeli is the paratrooper, and ignore the worth of the old Jewish man. This observation was made by writer Gershon Jacobson, guest speaker at the commemoration of the anniversary of the 1952 execution of Soviet writers, held at Beth Tzedec Congregation Monday evening.

Jacobson, who was born in Moscow and left the Soviet Union in 1948, went on to say that this belief "pains me." He pointed out that it is as unfair as saying that the only Jewish heroes during the height of Nazism were those that fought in the Warsaw Ghetto. He cautioned the audience, "you cannot judge your friend until you are in his position."

Attempting to answer the question, "who is a hero?" Jacobson recalled the poignant story of 90-year-old Avraham Chaim. This man, who was in the Soviet prison with the about - to - be - martyred intellectuals, had no fingers, ate frozen food, but, as Jacobson noted, "he had hope." He was a Sephardic Jew who spoke no Yiddish. For three and a half years he went about the prison and told these intellectuals: "Don't commit suicide. This is what they want you to do."

The old man managed to survive the prison life. Now there are about 18 of his children and grandchildren living in Israel. Jacobson concluded the story, "He is a hero."

Jacobson, who is editor-in-chief of the Algemeiner Journal, America's largest Yiddish newspaper, and correspondent of the Israeli daily Yediot Ahronot, commended the idea of commemorating this tragic anniversary. But, he felt there are two points to be kept in mind. First Jews must not look on the murders of 1952 as an isolated incident. He noted that the confrontation between the Soviet regime and Judaism has had a long history, and it is still going on.

Second, Jews must ask themsevles, "what lesson should be learned?" He pointed out that it is not enough to just "cry out your heart over this terrible thing that has happened. It is most important that decisions are made and followed up."

J.B. Salsberg, chairman of both the evening service, and the steering committee for Soviet Jewry, also noted the importance of present action as well as future remembrance. "August 12 should be commemorated in years ahead not just for the 24 Russian Jewish writers who died in 1952," he said, "but it should become a permanent date of remembrance and dedication of struggle, which by no means is over."

Sydney M. Harris, chairman of the national committee of Soviet Jewry, explained what is being done for Soviet Jews. He mentioned the recent meeting of Soviet Jews in Geneva, and the possible effects the American delegates felt the Jackson amendment could have. He noted that there may be as many as 40,000 exit permits given to Russian Jews this year. But, he went on to say the struggle is by no means over.

"We have not been able so far to obtain clemency for the prisoners of conscience nor lessen the general harassment of Jews in Russia."

WORLD NEWS

A Bedouin seamstress mends and sews for Bedouins who come from all corners of Sinai each week for the market day of the Bedouin tribe of Abu Twaila. (IPPA Photo)

Norway not to expel embassy official

COPENHAGEN (JTA)– The Norwegian cabinet, meeting in special session in Oslo to examine the "Boushicki Affair," decided against the expulsion of Israeli embassy official Yigal Eyal from Norway.

At the close of the meeting, Norwegian Foreign Minister Dagfin Vaarvik declared that Norway had no "formal proof" of the complicity of Israeli officials, although he said "some indications permit us to suppose a certain link between them and this affair."

It had been reported that Eyal would be expelled after two Israeli suspects were arrested at his home following the murder of 30-year-old Mohammed Boushicki. Eyal had reportedly been declared persona non grata by Norwegian authorities and his expulsion was considered imminent. According to the French paper, **Le Monde**, the Norwegian government decided not to expel Eyal "in order to attenuate the political implications of the affair."

Le Monde quoted the Palestinian news agency **Wafa**, which congratulated Norway for its "noble attitude" and denounced the "shameful attitude of French police and authorities when faced with Zionist terrorism." The Palestinian agency was referring to the murders of pro-Palestinian militants in Paris, Mahmoud el Hamshari and Mohammed Boudi, and whose murderers have not yet been found. **Le Monde** also quoted the weekly magazine, **Africasia**, which declared that the lives of nine Arab personalities are currently threatened by "Zionist terrorists."

According to **Africasia**, French police have warned the nine of possible assassination attempts and offered to protect them. The nine include Dr. Adel Amer, the director of the Paris Bureau of the Arab League; the new Paris representative of the Palestinian Liberation Organization Mahmoud Saleh; the PLO representative in Geneva, Daoud Barakat; Arab journalists in Paris, and leaders of the Paris Union of Palestinian Students.

Brichah participant makes first Israel visit

JERUSALEM— A former U.S. army official, who helped the Brichah movement smuggle Holocaust survivors across European borders on their way to Israel, will visit Israel next week.

Stanley M. Nowinski, who will be visiting Israel for the first time, wants to see what has been accomplished by the displaced persons he helped pass through Austria on their way to Israel.

Nowinski was a captain in the American Occupation Army in Austria after the Second World War. During his term of duty there and at the risk of his career, he aided and shielded the illegal activities of the clandestine Brichah movement.

In his book, **The Unholy Alliance**, former Brichah member and Israel consul to Toronto Aba Gefen describes the love, respect and admiration the Brichah had for Nowinski. Upon his return to the U.S., the captain was honored with a farewell party by the Brichah and 36 trees were planted in his honor in the Keren Kayement L'Yesroel forest in Israel.

During their stay in Israel Nowinski and his wife will be the guests of the immigration and absorption department of the Jewish Agency, the United Jewish Appeal, and former Brichah members.

Jewish-born Carmelite monk denies carrying out any missionary activity

HAIFA (JCNS)– A Jewish-born Carmelite monk, Father Daniel Rufeisen, had publicly denied carrying out any missionary activity or persuading anybody to leave the Galilean new town of Carmiel and emigrate.

Father Daniel made headlines several years ago when he unsuccessfully petitioned the High Court to be registered as being of Jewish nationality and Christian faith. He told a press conference here that he was the Roman Catholic Church's man in charge of some 600 Christian spouses and children of mixed immigrant couples living in northern Israel.

Father Daniel told reporters that the long-term object of his work was to "establish a community of Israeli, Hebrew - speaking Christians." Its members should be "rooted in Israel, and reconstruct the original Christianity, which was founded in the country."

He said that the RC Church had now realized that it had deviated over the ages from the full teachings of Jesus, "and the Christian Churches now want to return to their Jewish roots."

According to Father Daniel there are now an estimated 25,000 mixed couples -- Christians married to Jews--in Israel.

He insisted that he did not encourage Christian members of mixed marriages to leave the country, neither did he encourage them to convert to Judaism. He thought they could live in Israel as Christians, without fear of molestation. "In 14 years of work I have not come up against a single clear case of discrimination against a Christian member of a mixed marriage or against their Christian children," he said.

Speaking in fluent Hebrew, Father Daniel admitted that he has a revolving fund of about IL80,000 at hand to help Christian immigrants. Since 1961, he has financed it himself from his earnings and tips as a pilgrims' guide. He opposed any pressure or persuasion towards the conversion of Christian partners in mixed marriages but added that "conversion should not be made easy."

According to Father Daniel, Jewish Agency officials in Vienna were urging Christians among the emigrants from Russia to "register as Jews to avoid trouble." He thought that rushing people into conversions only increased their problems of integration. He described as 'madness' a statement by the absorption minister, Natan Peled to the religious affairs minister, to make conversions easier for these Christians.

Snub angers leftist delegates

WEST BERLIN (JCNS)– Israel's 20 pro-Soviet Communist Youth League delegates were angry at being snubbed at the Communist World Youth Festival in East Berlin last week.

They were barred from taking their place in alphabetical order between the Icelandic and Italian delegations in the opening procession.

In effect, it was a double snub because the ban was imposed by Moscow. At one stage, the Israelis were reported to have threatened to walk-out unless they were accorded proper recognition with the 133 delegations.

However, some observers, remembering the Munich massacre of 11 Israeli Olympic sportsmen by Black September Arab terrorists last September, believe that the Israelis were excluded for security reasons.

Not only were representatives of Palestinian terrorist organizations taking part in the procession, but Yasir Arafat, the El Fatah terrorist leader, was present in a reviewing stand. He was often seen displaying a clenched fist as the delegates marched by.

Apparently, the East German authorities did not ignore the security aspects. They would not admit at first that the Israelis were present but when they did they would not reveal their whereabouts.

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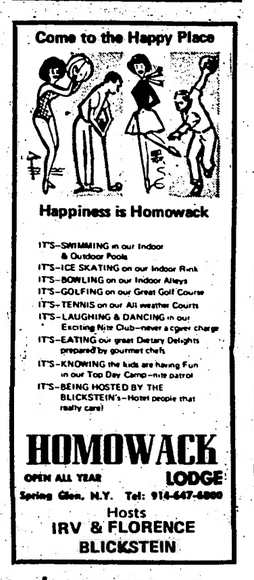
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Candidates should be English - speaking; married; roughly between the ages of 25-35; both husband and wife must desire to work full-time growing tomatoes; must have $10,000 in cash to invest in the project; preferably with professional background rather than agricultural experience; and have the desire to live and work in a close-knit community.

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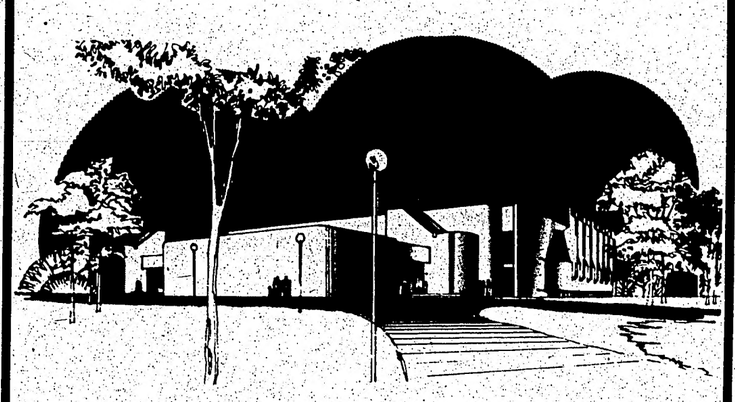
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Reception to honor diplomat

TORONTO–

A hero of the Haganah at the age of 16, whose exploits during the War of Independence, and later, figure prominently in the best-seller **O Jerusalem**, Netanel Lorch now secretary of Israel's cabinet will be in Toronto on August 22 for two special engagements. He will be guest of honor at a private reception in the afternoon, being hosted by Morris Kaufman, past general chairman of the Toronto Israel Bond campaign for community leaders and bond trustees.

Following the reception, Ambassador Lorch will meet with members of Yorkdale Lodge B'nai B'rith, Toronto's pace-setters for Israel Bonds, at a dinner at the Park Plaza Hotel honoring the lodge's 1973 Bond Award recipient, Michael Finkelstein.

One of Israel's foremost diplomats, Lorch has represented his country in many key posts throughout the world, including Peru, Bolivia, Ceylon, U.S. and at the UN. Most recently he served as director of the Latin American Division of the foreign ministry, a focal point of Jewish concern at this time.

Netanel Lorch

It's a family affair for Morton and Caroline Revzen of St. Catharines, Ontario, who are surrounded by their children and grandchildren outside the Morton and Caroline Revzen kindergarten in Neve Yaacov, Jerusalem.

Family dedicates new kindergarten in Jerusalem suburb of Neve Yaacov

ST. CATHARINES–

The first kindergarten in one of Jerusalem's newest suburbs was dedicated recently by the children of two leading citizens of St. Catharines at a festive ceremony in which greetings were exchanged between the mayors of St. Catharines and Jerusalem.

The kindergarten, located in the suburb of Neve Yaacov on the northern outskirts of Israel's capital, was named in honor of Morton and Caroline Revzen of St. Catharines, in recognition of their many years of work on behalf of the United Israel Appeal of Canada.

The festive dedication ceremony there recently was attended by the Revzens, Jerusalem's Mayor Teddy Kolleck and Mr. Harold Nash, a member of the St. Catharines' City Council who presented Kolleck with a special greeting and gift from the St. Catharines' mayor, Joseph Reed.

Also at the ceremony, which took place on the occasion of Revzen's 70th birthday, were his three children and their families whose names also appear on the kindergarten dedication plaques.

The project was initiated through Sol D. Granek, director of the Israel office of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, Inc. who was a resident of St. Catharines for 25 years prior to coming on aliya.

There were two festivities to mark the occasion:

The first was at the kindergarten site where Mr. and Mrs. Revzen unveiled the plaque of dedication and the second was at Beit Shalom in Central Jerusalem where the Revzen family and their friends were entertained to a gala luncheon by Keren Hayesod – United Israel Appeal, which is responsible for fund raising on behalf of Israel in 69 countries, including Canada.

Joseph Gaadish, deputy mayor of Jerusalem, told the Revzens that they had assured a permanent place for themsevles in the Holy City of Jerusalem. Rabbi H. Rivkin, on behalf of the Keren Hayesod, presented a scroll of dedication to the couple and led those assembled in reciting the blessing "Shechecheyanu..." Greetings were also brought by Sol D. Granek, director general of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, Inc. in Israel.

The event was not the only education triumph of the day. Prior to presentation to Revzen of an antique Persian wine jug, a scroll of appreciation was read testifying to the establishment of a scholarship fund by Revzen for Russian immigrant students at the Hebrew University and the Haifa Technion.

Replying to his hosts, Revzen said that he appreciated the honors bestowed on him. He had been touched to the point of tears when approaching a kindergarten bearing his name and he was equally touched to see so many of his relatives and friends who had all arrived without requiring an invitation.

Hijacking tribunal is urged

By ELLIE COLEMAN

MONTREAL–

Unless the problem of air piracy comes to be treated as an international concern, nations will continue to be prey to the horrors of hijacking incidents. Such is the conclusion of Milton Winston, executive director of the Zionist Organization of Canada, who recently completed a thesis dealing with the legal implications of air piracy.

"There is a gap in national legislation which would deal effectively with aerial hijackers," writes Winston, "and there is very little possibility that all states will willingly enact the necessary laws. Generally speaking, the offence of aerial hijacking is not a specific offence under most national codes. Hijackers are prosecuted under statutes dealing with more general offences."

Winston believes that extradition of the offender to the state whose aircraft has been hijacked would be a satisfactory solution but he has found that the lack of international co-operation mars its effectiveness.

"One of the major defects in suppressing aerial hijacking through extradition proceedings," he explains, "is the fact that hijacking is not an internationally recognized crime. The offender can exculpate himself by finding a country who would grant him asylum.

"The three so-called 'hijacking conventions' are based on a precedent which have established crimes such as piracy and genocide as international crimes. However, as yet aerial piracy has not reached this position in law."

He points out a similar question of precedents affecting the results of the Nuremberg Trials, where the term "crimes against humanity" applied only to acts committed in preparation for and during the war. Since no precedent existed for the trail and punishment for acts of genocide committed during peace, none of these acts were punished.

Because extradition is not a realistic solution, Winston proposes the creation of an international tribunal which would have jurisdiction to try all cases of air piracy.

"In the case of unlawful detention of the passengers, crews and hijacked aircraft," outlines Winston, "any interested state or international organization should have the right to obtain a hearing in the international criminal court for their release and a special extradition order for their appearance at the site of the tribunal."

How would respect for such a tribunal be maintained? The only way to ensure its authority, claims Winston, would be to impose economic sanctions on countries harboring hijackers. An example would be to refuse landing privileges to the country concerned until the offender is brought to justice.

One advantage of an ongoing international criminal court would be to remove the political element from the prosecution, thus avoiding the accusation incurred by the Nuremberg Tribunal, that of being a "court of victors."

The idea has been proposed at the United Nations more than once but political tensions have prevented it from receiving serious consideration by the international body.

"As it stands now," states Winston is a grim tone, "if someone hijacks a plane from here to Algeria, takes hostages and murders them, then blows up the plane, and the Algerians are not prepared to try him, there's nothing that the world can do, legally, to prevent this."

A birthday present with a twist

OTTAWA–

The board of directors of the Ottawa Jewish Community Endowment and Bequest Foundation express their gratitude to Michael R. Freedman, whose gift of $100,000 on his 80th birthday, is the first endowment to be received by the foundation. The principal will be invested and the interest earned will be used to support charitable, educational and religious activities in the Jewish community of Ottawa, in perpetuity.

In making the announcement, Gilbert Greenberg, president of the foundation, paid tribute to Freedman for his generosity and for the example he has set for others to follow. He felt that Freedman's desire to see the endowment at work in his own lifetime is particularly significant.

Free university to open in fall

VANCOUVER–

Plans are progressing for Free Jewish University which will open here in the fall.

Originally the idea of a few students at UBC's Hillel, the concept has now grown until nearly 10 courses are planned for the fall term.

The courses will be given by various teachers and lay people in the city, and officials expressed hope that the entire community will feel free to enroll in any one or several of the offerings.

The idea of a free Jewish university is patterned on the "free universities" that have sprung up in cities across North America, it was pointed out.

They are "free" in that they offer non-university credit courses in an informal setting, allowing the individual instructor and his students to develop the kind of course they feel they want to teach and study. This is not connected to any academic institution or schedule.

The "Jewish" part of the FJU comes from the fact that all courses offered relate to Judaism and Jewishness: the history, religion and culture of the Jewish people.

As an outgrowth of an increasing awareness on the part of young Jews of their heritage, the concepts of free university and Jewish education have come together to form free Jewish universities in Toronto, Montreal, and various cities across the United States, spokesmen stated.

New camp building marks completion

GRAVENHURST–

A plaque commemorating completion of a new building at Camp Shalom on its 25th anniversary was unveiled last weekend by Daniel Monson, at the camp in Gravenhurst, Ontario.

The new facilities were dedicated July 15 on Parents' Day. The building includes an enlarged kitchen, a new administrative office and new living quarters for counsellors. A heavy increase in the number of campers saw the need for expanded facilities. This summer, over 400 children and counsellors attended Camp Shalom.

Dr. Edward Mednick, camp chairman, and Dr. George Liban, executive vice-president of the Canadian Zionist Organization of Canada, made presentations to Maurice Berg, head of the building subcommittee, architect Frank Glazier, and David Smith, supervisor of the building's construction.

Dr. Isadore Wolch, president of the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada, presents a copy of the official report of "Journey Into Our Heritage" the first exhibit of the Jewish Museum of Western Canada to A.M. Israels, his predecessor as head of the Jewish Historical Society. It was during Israels' term of office that the museum was developed. The Historical Society is honoring him at a testimonial dinner on Sept. 13 at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, Winnipeg.

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Crude selfishness of Standard Oil damages Mideast peace prospects

The giant oil companies are usually content to work behind the scenes to influence governments, and their collective record of wheeler dealing isn't calculated to inspire public confidence.

It is not unexpected that these multinational corporations would lobby against a government policy that might, in their view, endanger the flow of crude oil to the United States, but it was left to the Standard Oil Co., of California to try something different. No quiet diplomacy for Standard of California. This very big corporation decided to let the world know that those poor Arabs of the Middle East deserved a better deal than the one they were getting from U.S. foreign policy.

So Mr. Otto N. Miller, the chairman of the board of directors of Standard of California, sent a special letter to its 262,000 stockholders and 40,000 employees, urging more positive support of Arab efforts towards achieving a Middle East peace. Support of Arab governments should be U.S. policy because the Middle East supplies of oil "are vital to the welfare of the Western world." Mr. Miller didn't say these supplies were vital to Standard of California. It is an undisputed fact that crude oil imports from the Persian Gulf and the Arab states constitute no more than seven per cent of U.S. consumption.

Mr. Miller professed to be shocked by the reaction to his pro-Arab letter. He shouldn't have been. If he and his fellow directors had been less obsessed with their own interests and more concerned about helping to bring about an equitable settlement of the issues dividing Arabs and Israelis, they would have sent out a different kind of letter, one calling for a spirit of compromise on the part of the nations concerned. Instead, the Miller letter was nothing more than a craven surrender to the Arab threat of an oil boycott. The letter reeks with hypocrisy and richly deserves the condemnation it received from both Jewish and non-Jewish sources.

Jacob Stein, the chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, called the Miller letter "a crude corporate intervention in America foreign policy." Other Jewish leaders and several Congressmen joined the chorus of criticism.

There is no question that a private enterprise corporation has every right to act to protect the interests of its stockholders, but Standard Oil of California, by this gross interference in so sensitive an area as the Middle East, has damaged the cause of peace.

What is more, the California corporation has damaged itself. A nationwide boycott of Standard products is taking place across the United States and this, if nothing else, should give pause to any other multi-national company thinking of following Standard's example.

Mr. Miller should not be shocked by the adverse reaction that followed publication of the letter. He should be ashamed at having put his signature to it.

Diaspora cannot afford to take back seat to poverty in Israel

A burning controversy has been raging in Israel recently, and has captured the consciences and attention of Israeli citizens; it ought to have the same effect on Jews living in the Diaspora. The issue is poverty, and the current discussion was inspired by an Israeli television special which documented widespread destitution in family life.

Yet for Diaspora Jewry this sad state of affairs passes with only a hint of concern, which is startling, since overseas Jews carry unequaled pride in being Canadians, or Americans, or English who also have a 'national homeland.' But there are obligations in being able to express this joyous emotional tie. The assertion that Jews are also responsive to the Jewish and non-Jewish poor at home is an observation that merely implies a double responsibility. A responsibility shared by few other ethnic groups. Recently, our local needs were accurately assessed by Phil Granovsky president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, and, in Montreal, by this year's campaign chairman, Simon Cobrin.

Poverty in Israel--as in any nation--causes specific social ills which threaten to mar the fibre of the country, and create discrepancies in social life which are shameful and unacceptable. For Diaspora Jewry the most significant way to participate in Israeli life--to alleviate the social shortcomings of an overburdened nation -- is by contributing to the annual fund raising campaigns. The dollars sent to Israel help pay for apartment units, medical facilities, educational institutions, and special welfare programs so that television specials depicting poverty will be a thing of the past. Such distressing statistics which report that 19 per cent of all Jewish children are termed "disadvantaged," or that there has been little progress in the last three years to reduce the number of deprived youngsters are cause for alarm.

The Montreal Jewish community is now embarking on their annual fund drive, and when fall rolls around over 4,000 volunteers will be mobilized to communicate Israel's message to tens of thousands of families. We extend to the community our best wishes for a successful campaign, with the belief that when the time comes Montrealers will rally in support of Israel... and her children.

More and more Russian children are failing to be listed as Jewish

While the total population of the USSR grew by 16 per cent between 1959 and 1970 (from 208,827,000 to 241,720,000), the number who reported themselves as Jews declined from 2,268,000 to 2,151,000 --more than five per cent. Allowing for an even modest natural rate of increase, the figures imply that a significant number of Jews have tried to escape the label that has become increasingly onerous in recent years. In view of the mounting pressures on Jews in the USSR since 1967, it is surprising that the decline was not even greater. This is probably because it is not easy to escape from the fact that being Jewish is inscribed in one's passport.

Most of the decline, therefore, is due to the fact than an increasing number of children, especially those of mixed marriages, are not being listed as Jewish.

In general, the volume seems to be organized rather haphazardly and inconsistently. The data on Jews appears in some tables but not in others, without rhyme or reason. Thus, Yiddish is never explicitly recognized or reported as a language in the tables on distributions by mother tongue.

The census shows that 94 per cent of the total population reported the language of their nationality as their mother tongue. But only 18 per cent of the Jews (22 per cent in 1959) reported Yiddish as their mother tongue. The rather low rates reported by Jews indicate both a high and increasing level of assimilation. They vary from a low of five and eight per cent in the central Russian cities of Leningrad and Moscow respectively, to a high of 49 and 61 per cent in Jewish centres outside the 1939 borders of the USSR in what used to be Rumania and Vilnius respectively.

The largest declines in the number of those reported as Jews have occurred in the older sections of the USSR--the Russian and Ukrainian republics--while there have been minor increases in the Asian areas and in the Caucasus.

Most Jews live in urban centres, with only 46,000, or about two per cent, in rural areas. There were about 11,000 left in what used to be the Jewish autonomous area (Birobidzan), out of a total population of 172,000.

More than half the Jews in the Russian parts of the USSR have had some higher education as against only 10 per cent of the Russians, a ratio of five to one. This was achieved despite the long standing difficulties which confronted Jews in entering institutions of higher education since Czarist days and during much of the Soviet regime. In spite of all the obstacles, they "made it."

From an article by Dr. Zvi Griliches, professor of economics at Harvard University, in Near East Report.

Against backdrop of forest, crippled children find meaning

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
JERUSALEM (AJPA)–

Among the most remarkable features of Israel is the attitude to children. There is possibly no other country in the world where children are more loved. It is extremely rare to hear a child being rebuked. It is equally rare, according to many, to see an Israeli child with a sad or cross expression on his face.

Affection for children is so openly displayed and reciprocated that it is often difficult to distinguish the parents of a child from the group of people who are equally lavish with their kissing, coddling and cuddling.

This affection is extended in equal measure to children who are handicapped, and nowhere is it more evident than at the Alyn Orthopaedic Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre for physically handicapped children.

Overlooking the glorious panorama of the Jerusalem forest, Alyn attracts children from all over Israel, including Arab children from the West Bank.

There are currently 110 children being cared for at the hospital. All patients are recommended to Alyn through the Social Welfare departments of local municipalities or through the ministries of health and social welfare.

The majority of the families from which these children come are in the lowest income bracket. Often they are social welfare cases and it is beyond their financial resources to cope with the care and education of a severely handicapped child.

To see these children at Alyn, one would never suspect that they are poverty cases. They are given the best care and attention available in Israel--but above all, they are given love.

Not a single child at Alyn, no matter what the extent of his deformity, feels sorry for himself.

No one leaves Alyn completely cured. But there are cases of children who arrived in wheel chairs and who eventually left on their own two feet. Motivating them to walk has required tremendous efforts on the part of physiotherapists, but the effort has been sustained and rewarded.

Every possible need of a child is met at the hospital. Treatment includes surgery, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and medication. Individual orthopaedic appliances such as wheelchairs, electric wheelchairs, braces, artificial limbs, corsets and orthopaedic shoes are readily supplied according to need.

But it doesn't stop there. This is only the beginning.

Children must be educated and so a school has been set up in the hospital premises. The school includes a domestic science department and a science laboratory. There are also facilities for vocational training, which in some instances are also therapeutic in that they help to exercise hand and arm muscles.

Even the most minor talent is given the utmost encouragement, with the result that the children are turning out highly professional clothes, woven garments, tie and dye fabrics and toys.

Parental visits are encouraged and there are no regular visiting hours. Parents may stay as long as they like, and if they want to stay overnight, the Alyn authorities have no objection. Special apartments for parents are part of the hospital complex, and parents are asked to stay in the hospital for a week before their children are discharged so that they can be educated in caring for the handicapped.

Alyn caters for children in the two to 18 age group. They come with a variety of deformities, the most common of which is residual poliomyelitis. They are taught to make the utmost use of those of their muscles which do work, and subsequently spend a great deal of time in the hospital's swimming pool, splashing and swimming in an effort to restore strength to their arms and legs.

Some former patients, grown up and rehabilitated, return to teach. Two of the current staff members, the speech therapist and the sewing teacher, are former Alyn patients.

The staff is increased from time to time by youngsters from Germany and England spending their university vacations in Israel in a useful manner. They work and live in the hospital and help take young patients to the bathroom, the hospital wing or the swimming pool. Occasionally they take them on zoo outings or to the local park.

Despite their handicaps, the children participate in sports modified to suit their needs. Here two youngsters prepare to take part in a wheelchair race. Self-pity is not for them.

A kiss for the Wailing Wall.

Port of Ashdod drama is far from over

LONDON (JCNS)–

The curtain has come down on phase one of the battle of Ashdod, but the drama is anything but over. In 25 years Israel has absorbed a host of problematic immigrant groups. That from Soviet Georgia may prove the most taxing yet.

Fifteen months ago, when the first contingents of Georgians, unaccustomed to physical labor, were settled in Israel's southern port town they balked at the prospect of working in the docks. Recently the whole of Ashdod was placed virtually in a state of siege because 47 of the Georgians were laid off during the slack season.

Georgian immigrants from all parts of the country poured into Ashdod to back the laid-off stevedores, who had meanwhile gone on a hunger strike. They shut down all government offices, the port, clinics, the banks and were on the verge of a free-for-all rampage. Enormous police reinforcements were on hand, but were held back. Tempers spiralled and were only just contained when Communications Minister Shimon Peres reached a compromise -- to some a "sell-out" -- guaranteeing the re-employment of the 47 when the next citrus season gets under way in October.

Peres remarked later: "The incidents in Ashdod are a turning point in absorption. The city has matured. The people have discovered that they are no longer immigrants themselves but citizens who must assist in the integration of other newcomers." His optimism is not universally shared. For several hours the town experienced real fear. "If fists had started flying, there would have been bloodshed the likes of which have never been seen in Israel." This assessment by one of the key personalities involved is echoed repeatedly.

Ashdod is a melange of communities distinctly lacking a cohesive nucleus. Seventy per cent of its 40,000 inhabitants are of North African descent. They have been augmented during the past 18 months by more than 5,000 Georgians, the largest proportion of whom are clustered, and cut off, in their own quarter.

Employment is at the heart of their resentment. Work is widely available in local factories and in the building industries but not at the kind of wage (two pounds to three pounds a day) which would satisfy the Georgians or, it must be said, anyone with a family to provide for. Many prefer to live on savings, the sale of possessions brought with them and a lot of memories of the "good things they left behind." The remembrance of things past is widespread, even among qualified Georgians earning a decent salary. However group-conscious a society Israel is, the feeling of clannishness has rarely been more strongly felt.

The unofficial spokesmen for the community are four brothers named Shvili. The luxury adornments of their flats and the four brand new Audi saloons parked outside the housing estate attest to Yehuda Shvili's remark that he personally does not have to worry: "I'll be a king wherever I go."

The general discontent and feeling of neglect are more easily assessed in the yard below, where groups of men, young and old, eagerly pour out their individual tales of economic woe. The tone, if not the affluence, is set by the Shvili family. Repeatedly, someone injects a reference to the millions of dollars which the U.S. is giving Israel for the absorption of Russian immigration. "Where are they?" the Georgians want to know.

The mythology growing up around the Georgians is scarcely helpful. "Next to them, the Moroccans are like honorary Ashkenazim" is a popular comment in the streets. They have a reputation for not wanting to work hard and of being troublemakers. They are certainly a volatile community and are not prepared to take indignities lying down.

It is generally recognized that Peres had little option but to compromise. But no one will condone the view that violence is part of the process of adjustment to a free and democratic society. The key charge against the government's handling of the situation, as the independent daily **Haaretz** commented, is that the Georgians "have received an object lesson in bad citizenship. They have been taught that disturbances do pay."

There are other factors in the equation of discontent. The Georgians had no one to show them the ropes when they first arrived; they are concentrated on their own insistence, in separate suburbs; communication is difficult since they speak nothing but their own central Asian language and a very rudimentary Hebrew; and their womenfolk have a traditional social role that is less than compatible with the open tone of Israeli society. "One has to have patience to adjust to things," says Yehuda Shvili, "but how can one have patience when there are children to feed?"

Both the premier, Mrs. Golda Meir, and Peres stress that, at the heart of the problem is the unreadiness of the public at large to make the Georgians feel welcome. "Anyone who thinks that this country is built on economic considerations and not on absorbing Jews, is grossly mistaken," Peres declared angrily.

"All the promises so far are just words," says Shvili. "If they don't materialize, there's going to be chaos in this town."

ask the rabbi

Despite Israel's restoration, why do we still fast on Tisha B'Av

Now that the land of Israel is restored to the Jews, it seems pointless to observe a fast day to commemorate the loss of the country (the Fast of Av). If the meaning of this fast is meant to be widened to commemorate Jewish suffering in general, why not say so?

RESPONSE:

The question presupposes that the idea of the Fast of Av commemorating Jewish suffering in general is the invention of rabbis determined to preserve the observance of the day now that the original reason, mourning for the Jews exiled from their homeland, no longer applies. This is not the case. Originally, the fast commemorated the destruction of the Temple but from the early middle ages onwards the sufferings of the Jews were recalled on this day in particular. The rabbinic saying that the death of the righteous is as grievous as the destruction of the Temple was not lost sight of.

There is the further point that, traditionally, the Fast of Av is associated with the Messianic hope, as in the rabbinic saying that the Messiah was born on this day and in the rule that in some respects the day is, strangely enough, a festival. Even now that the state of Israel is, thank God, a reality and a powerful herald of the Messianic age, no one can imagine that the Messianic age has yet dawned. Seen in this light the Fast of Av reminds us that there is still hatred and war and dreadful suffering in the world and that we need to have one day at least in the year to reflect on these things. If the Fast of Av did not exist it would be necessary to invent it.

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Renovation of Mishkenot

Build retreat for creative in Jerusalem

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JERUSALEM–

August 13, 1855, was an historic day for Jewish settlement in Jerusalem. It was the day a small tract of land, purchased at the stiff price of 1,000 pounds, became the property of Sir Moses Montefiore, head of the British Board of Deputies, philanthropist and lover of Zion. On the hill, facing Mount Zion, five years later, Montefiore built for the Jews of Jerusalem the first homes outside the walled Old City.

Despite the abject poverty prevailing within the city, the settlers had to be induced by a variety of financial attractions to reside permanently beyond the confines of the walls. But when they did move, other suburbs mushroomed, and that was the beginning of modern Jerusalem.

One hundred and eighteen years later, the renovated old quarter is again being inaugurated as an alluring project -- a centre for eminent personalities in the world of culture and ideas. Their presence in Jerusalem, it is hoped, will enrich the city's cultural and spiritual vistas as they in turn derive inspiration from its heritage and its boisterous present.

The buildings were originally called in English "Touro's Alms Houses" after the New Orleans businessman, Judah Touro, who had bequeathed $50,000 for the "benefit of the poor Israelites of Palestine." In Hebrew somewhat grandiosely, Mishkenot Sha'ananim, "Dwellings of Tranquillity." Their history was hardly peaceful. The parapets on the rooftop, or the Magen David over the entrance and the walls of the famous windmill, both pockmarked from exchanges of fire between 1947 and 1967, are evidence of that.

Montefiore had, however, wisely sensed the future for a Jewish presence in Jerusalem, and the potential of his purchase.

That potential was recognized again once the fragile frontier situation had been settled in 1967. From the middle-class atmosphere which had characterized Mishkenot in its earliest days it had deteriorated into a pitiful slum, the 20 odd flats inhabited by more than 40 squatter families. When plans for the area began to take shape they were compensated and given alternative housing.

The then fledgling Jerusalem Foundation --Mayor Teddy Kollek's internationally supported brainchild -- which strives to give friends of the city a satisfying way of contributing to Jerusalem's cultural, social and educational life, conceived a new role for Mishkenot, as "a retreat for the creative."

The necessary funds--$5 million in all, were put up by two sources, the majority by the American builder-philanthropist William Levitt, of "Levittown" fame, and by the Rothschild Foundation.

An elaborate new cultural project in Israel inevitably provokes a healthy public debate on the merits of devoting so much to what are clearly not first priorities. Accepting this, the initiators of Mishkenot point out that this is money which does not detract from regular contributions. Nor, for its inner vitality, can a city thrive on an efficient physical infrastructure alone. The Israel Museum and the Jerusalem Theatre were under this kind of fire when they were built. But they have secured their niche as integral parts of the city.

The architecture and interior decorating in the renovation of Mishkenot is well worthy of the attention of those critics who accuse Jerusalem planners of neglecting the city's ambience.

Arab tourists in Israel best propaganda counter-action

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Fantastic things can happen in political life. If Israel were not busy with its daily security and political problems, it could make much propaganda out of the fact that since the beginning of July, 3,000 Arabs per day, including workers, students, women and children, cross from Jordan into the occupied territories in Israel in order to visit their relatives.

The rate of Arab tourism to Israel in summer increases from year to year. Throughout the year, the Arab countries wage a hate campaign against Israel, all over the world, at the UN and other international organizations, comparing the Israeli military regime in the occupied territories with the Nazi regime, but tens of thousands of Arabs come to Israel each year and see with their own eyes the "suffering" of the Arab population under Israeli occupation. They soon realize the Arab hate campaign against Israel is one big bluff.

The Arab tourists also visit places outside the occupied territories--in Israel itself. No wonder the leaders of the Arab League have turned to all Arab countries, especially Jordan, and asked them not to allow the continuation of Arab tourism to Israel. But the Palestinians in the Arab countries have made it clear that it would be impossible to forbid them to visit their relatives.

In the year 1968, 17,300 Arab tourists came to Israel; in 1969, 22,315; in 1970, 53,402; in 1971, 106,438 and in 1972, 152,809. It is estimated that this summer the number will increase to 170,000. From Jordan there are 85,000, from Kuwait 14,000, from Saudi Arabia 500, from the Lebanon 600, from Egypt 400, from Iraq 250, from Libya 200, from Algeria 120 and from Syria 110.

In 1968, when the first tourists from the Arab countries began to arrive, they wishes to see whether their relatives were still alive, as propaganda in the Arab countries spread horror-stories about the suffering and hunger of the Arab population in the occupied territories. They brought food and clothing with them.

When they met their relatives, they did not know what to say. They saw that they lived under better conditions than they themselves did. The following year they started making tours in Israel. Students and teachers visited Israeli universities, seminars and schools. Physicians went to Israeli hospitals, industrialists and merchants visited factories. They were full of surprise and praise about what they saw.

Today, Arab tourists can be found in all Israeli cities. Travel agencies in Beirut are already considering visits to Israeli seaside resorts, as one of their chief attractions in this competitive field. Palestinians walk the streets of Israel freely as tourists, and visit cafes, take pictures and make friends with Israeli youngsters.

When these tourists return home they are the best counter-action to Arab horror propaganda. The Israeli authorities have introduced easy administrative methods for tourism from Arab countries. When an Israeli Arab applies for permission for a relative, who is a resident in an Arab country, to visit Israel, the matter is quickly settled unless the man is suspected of having contact with Palestinian terrorists.

Seventy-five new immigrant youngsters celebrated their bar mitzvahs together in one of the restored synagogues in the Jewish Quarter of Old Jerusalem. The bar mitzvah ceremonies were under the auspices of the Youth Department of the Jewish Agency. (IPPA Photo)

Arab students in Israel are facing a slim labor market

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Last week **The Jerusalem Post** carried a most unusual advertisement proclaiming that "Mr. Riad Fawaz Saad has arrived in Israel after graduating from Cincinnati University with a M.A. degree in economics, and aspires to serve his country."

The ad was placed by Riad's father, a respected member of Haifa's Arab community, who is worried that his son may not find a suitable position in Israel. Mr. Saad's concern is understandable; while all Arab university graduates do get jobs, many are unable to obtain employment in fields of interest to them. The fact that 50 per cent of all Arab graduates are teachers does not necessarily mean that all 50 per cent want to be teachers. On the contrary, many take up teaching only because security considerations--real or imaginary--deny them access to positions in a variety of more tempting spheres.

The government's eagerness to solve the problem, spurred no doubt by the forthcoming national elections, found concrete expression this week with the publication of a list of 75 civil service jobs for Arabs, in particular those with a university education.

The problem is of relatively recent origin because only in the last few years have substantial numbers of Israeli Arabs earned degrees.

Every year there are more such graduates: today there are 700; by 1980 there will be nearly 4,000. Toledano, for one, feels the problem is not only one of jobs for the 4,000 but also of what kind of jobs. Arab graduates, he said recently, will want to be among the country's decision-makers, not only carry out the decisions of others. Nothing less than an equal partnership with their Jewish fellow citizens will satisfy them, he believes.

Arab high school graduates make for a more serious problem than university graduates, if only because there are more of them, and relatively fewer jobs which they regard as suitable. With 1,000 Arab boys and girls finishing high school every year, by 1980 there will be 35,000 graduates.

Their problems were recently described in **Davar**, a Hebrew-language daily, by Arab journalist Jalal Abu - Toama. He wrote: "While a few high school graduates get jobs as clerks in government or public institutions, and those trained as electricians or machinists readily find their place in the economy, all the rest are embittered by their inability to obtain positions that meet their expectations."

Forthcoming Israeli elections

Make or unmake Knesset – that is possibility of NRP

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It's election time in Israel and for the first time in many moons there's a small tremor of excitement stirring in informed quarters. Some people are actually contemplating the unthinkable: that there is the possibility -- theoretical as it is-- that there may be a change of government as a result of the ballot casting.

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The chance may be no better than one in 100 that the massively established coalition government can be defeated; no state has a more consistent record of voting along party lines than Israel. The percentage fluctuations from election to election are so small, historically, as to be almost laughable. Patronage is so entrenched, loyalties so deeply - rooted, that past elections have taken on the heavy air of inevitability, a ritual dutifully gone through out of deference to the constitutional laws that declare the country to be a democracy.

But now there are new elements entering into the familiar equations, and their very novelty has the element of mystery, and undecided potentiality. The tens of thousands of Russian immigrants since the last election, for example, now Israeli citizens and voters: where do they stand? Do they feel an indebtedness to the government that has welcomed, sheltered, fed them and provided them with jobs, or is their lifelong revulsion against regulated socialism so deep that, as some think, their votes will go to the right, to Gahal?

Gahal, itself, is more than the indignant voice of persistent opposition and bad-tempered criticism. Herut and the Liberals are the core of a new centrist alignment urged by the dynamic and glamorous Ariel Sharon, recently O.C. Southern Command and one of the nation's authentic heroes. The alignment now includes the Free Centre, the State List and individual leaders of the Land of Israel movement.

A stirring of the populace, on the one hand, and a shift to the right by Russian voters on the other, could mean a swing of as much as four seats, and in a future coalition of the two major parties might result in unprecedented concessions in the allocation of important ministries. Should Mapai, for the first time in its history, have to give up one or more of the key ministries, such as finance or foreign affairs, that will be revolution enough.

But there are observers bold enough to think even beyond this precedent-shattering step. They regard Dayan as still capable of making a break with the Labor Party. The policies he holds dear have not met with enough of a welcome reception to make him enamored of that party. Should Dayan break, and possibly take Shimon Peres with him, Mapai would suffer a shattering blow. Invincible as Golda Meir seems at the moment, with their support, doubts and mutterings can be heard, even now, that her astonishing performance of the past four years cannot be expected to be repeated in the coming four.

The prospect of a post-election impairment of her powers leading to the mantle falling on the shoulders of Pinhas Sapir, or even Yigal Allon, is not calculated to send any pulses racing in excitement --and it is a prospect that is openly and frequently discussed.

With a shift in voting leading to an evening of the powers of the existing alignment and the new centrist alignment, the key to power will rest with the NRP, the National Religious Party. Menachem Begin has already made his first appeal to the NRP and has, as expected, been rebuffed.

If the NRP can gain some assurances that its policies and programs will win respect and adherence from a Centrist Alignment, it is not beyond the realm of possibility that it could, or would, join forces. With the two alignments in relative balance, the religious bloc can make or unmake the government of the next Knesset. The novelty of the possibility makes it exciting. This could be a meaningful election, not merely a rubber stamping of the status quo. The chance is slim, but it is there.

The subtle frailities of language screen minds from terror of heart

By ROBERT NIELSEN

The first ocean cruise my wife and I took--a 10-day, off-season, cut-rate deal in 1952--unexpectedly made us witness to a racially-delicate situation. The newspaper ad hadn't mentioned the national identity of the S.S. Silverstar. When we went aboard in New York, it turned out to have Panamanian registry and an all-German crew, from cabin boy to captain. About two-thirds of the passengers were Jews.

Both groups took pains to suppress the tension that must have underlain this encounter, so few years after the Holocaust. The Germans were unfailingly correct, courteous and obliging; if any echoes of Goebbels in the minds of the waiters and stewards caused them discomfort at giving menial service to Jews, they concealed it well. The Jewish passengers seemed equally bent on avoiding any unpleasantness; so far as we saw and heard, they picked no quarrels and made no unreasonable demands.

But this sort of diluted master-servant relationship is no doubt easier to manage than one implying social equality. The real test of diplomacy and restraint came at the dinner table, during the lavish, nine to 11 course meals that were standard fare, where passengers had to mingle with the ship's officers assigned to them. The Silverstar's dining room in those days must have set a record for the number of thoughts never spoken, and for the conversational topics mentally screened for embarrassing potential before being introduced.

Certainly those constraints operated from the first minute of the first meal at our table. Our host was the ship's doctor, a low-ranking officer, this being appropriate to our status as occupants of one of the cheapest cabins on the boat. Our other companions were a Mr. and Mrs. Laufer, at first glance an ill-assorted couple: he about 70-years-old, with a dignified manner and the kind of ascetic, finely-sculptured face that one associates with high intellectual or artistic gifts; she about 20 years younger and definitely "of the people," as Jeeves might say--dumpy, dowdy, flustered, with no social graces except (as we discovered) the ones that matter, kindness and consideration for others. Yet he ran a clothing shop in Brooklyn, they called each other mama and papa, and she touched our hearts with her loving solicitude for her frail husband. This he accepted in the spirit offered, never showing a trace of annoyance at her constant vigilance to protect him from draughts or from foods too rich or spicy for his stomach.

The doctor, a strongly-built, good-looking man in his 30s, kept the conversational ball rolling with talk about tropical diseases, in which he was a specialist, music, an interest he shared with Laufer, the snares that awaited the unwary tourist in (pre-Castro) Havana, and a fair supply of urbane small-talk. Although his English was good, he would get stuck for the right word every now and then, and when this happened, he would toss the appropriate German word over to Laufer for translation. The Jew, disclosing an ample vocabulary in both languages, always obliged instantly and with Old World civility. " 'Thigh' (or whatever) is the English word, Herr Doktor," he would say.

The doctor seemed to understand the conversational restrictions as well as any of us, and mealtimes at our table passed in a pleasant, if careful, sociability. Until the very last night of the cruise.

The ship had returned to the grey North Atlantic from the blue Caribbean, and the doctor had changed his uniform back to blue serge from the tropical whites he had been wearing. I started the conversation safely enough, I thought, by asking which climate he preferred.

"Oh, the tropics," he said. "I can never get enough warm weather, because I was in Russia for three winters during the war." Then he began talking about the German campaign in Russia, gradually abandoning all discretion as the memories came flooding back. He told of the frightful hardships and casualties suffered by the German troops, and became bitter as he recalled the unchivalrous tactics the Red army--"they would even fall down, pretending to be killed, and then shoot you when you came close." He told of atrocious Russian treatment of prisoners and civilians, and finally, unable to find the right English word to sum up the foulness of the enemy, he tossed a German word to Laufer. All the color had drained from that fine old face.

" 'Inhuman,' Herr Doktor," the Jew replied. " 'Inhuman' is the word you want." He paused, as if rallying his moral strength to deal with an ugly necessity. Then he began to talk. Quietly, without ever raising his voice, he told of how he had anxiously scanned the news and letters from Europe during the 1930s, and had managed, by bringing them to America, to rescue 25 of his relatives from the gathering storm. "But I'm not a rich man, Herr Doctor; I couldn't bring them all over. And when the Germans got to Budapest"--anguish, not anger, in the voice now--"they took my 12-year-old nephew and made soap of him.

"So it was not only the Russians who were inhuman, Herr Doktor."

The doctor made no reply. A few minutes later, still silent, he rose, bowed, clicked his heels and left. He did not show up for breakfast the next morning, the last meal of the voyage.

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Founding rabbis of Lubavitch and Ozar Hatorah schools in Morocco receive praise from U.S. for education efforts

LONDON (JCNS)–

Two Moroccan rabbis are warmly praised in a report by the American Joint Distribution Committee for providing Jewish children with a religious education during the past 20 years. During this period the Jewish population of Morocco has dwindled from some 250,000 to fewer than 40,000.

They are Rabbi Shlomo Matusoff and Rabbi Aaron Monsenego, the directors of the Lubavitch and Ozar Hatorah school systems respectively which, with the help of the JDC today instruct about 3,000 Morrocan Jewish children aged between five and 18.

In addition, Ozar Hatorah gives instruction in Jewish subjects to more than 4,000 children attending Alliance Israelite Universelle and Ort schools in Morocco also supported by JDC.

Paying tribute to the rabbis, Stanely Abramovitch, JDC's Jewish education consultant, said that "the level of general education (in their schools) is high.

"The standard of Hebrew education can compare with that of the best Jewish schools in the Diaspora. The results justify all the effort and funds JDC has invested." But Abramovitch emphasized the need for more qualified teachers.

Born at Vitebsk in the Soviet Union, 49-year-old Rabbi Matusoff was attracted to the Lubavitch movement and attended a "secret" yeshiva, first as a student and then as a teacher, until it was raided by the secret police.

Sentenced to five years imprisonment in Siberia by the Stalinist regime, he kept kosher by eating no cooked food. He also refused to work on Shabbat, for which he was regularly beaten.

Because he insisted on living as a Jew, he was accused of "counter-revolutionary" activity and his jail term was extended by another five years.

After military service during the Second World War, Rabbi Matusoff escaped to Paris. In 1950, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the Lubavitch Rebbe, sent him to Morocco, where it was estimated that only about 60 per cent of the Jewish children attended any kind of school.

Most of the children were poor, undernourished and victims of disease and during the next 10 years, Rabbi Matusoff opened some 50 religious schools and yeshivot, often travelling from town to town by donkey.

Before the large-scale decline in the Jewish population, these schools instructed some 3,000 children.

Today with most of Morocco's Jewish population living in Casablanca, Rabbi Matusoff supervises the work of three schools with more than 600 pupils, a yeshiva-boarding school and primary and secondary schools for girls, headed by Mrs. Matusoff.

Rabbi and Mrs. Matusoff have 10 children, eight boys and two girls. The seven older boys are studying at a Lubavitch yeshiva near Paris.

Rabbi Monsenego, whose ancestors fled to Morocco from Spain when the Jews were expelled in 1492, is descended from a long line of rabbis.

Brought up in Fez, where his father was chief rabbi, he studied at a yeshiva at Aix-les-Bains in France. Returning to Morocco in the early 1950s he joined the Ozar Hatorah school system, of which he was later appointed director.

Formerly there were 40 schools in the system providing education for about 5,000 children. Today there are 20 schools in Casablanca and the larger Moroccan Jewish communities attended by 2,400 children.

Russian Jews are human, just like everyone--so what else?

BY J.B. SALSBERG

The Russian Jewish community, through its activist vanguard, certainly displayed exemplary daring, self-sacrifice, heroism and boundless faith in the achievement of their national goals. Their valiant struggle won the admiration of all men of good will around the world. In the eyes of world Jewry the collective figure of our kin in the Soviet Union emerged in heroic proportions.

But we would be extremely naive to expect every individual Jew in Russia to measure up to the stature of the community as a whole. A forest, after all, is made up of many trees...

Why, you may ask, this rather abstract introduction? I am prompted to take such an approach because some recent developments in the area of Soviet Jewry triggered totally unwarranted surprises among some good people in our own ranks. Here are only a few of recent news items that dismayed some of our folk.

-- 800 Soviet Jews, presently in Rome, opted to go to the U.S. rather than Israel and the Washington authorities are taking steps to expediate their entry. (Uncle Eliezer says: "Nu, what's so terrible? There are quite a few million Jews in North America who have also not yet opted for personal settlement in Israel.")

-- The number of Soviet Jews who are settling in Canada is also rising, although they are arriving mainly on the basis of family reunion. (Says uncle Eliezer: "Is it the fault of the newcomers that their brothers, sisters, uncles, etc., with whom they are anxious to unite, live in Canada?")

-- Georgian Jews in Israel staged a riotous demonstration at the Ashdod seaport. (Uncle Eliezer's comment on this affair was: "So what? Maybe the demonstration should have been more restrained and maybe they don't understand and don't accept the idea of temporary employment. But it was a battle for unemployment opportunities, for steady jobs at the port and that speaks very well for the Soviet Jews from Georgia.")

-- A recent conference of Russian Jews in Israel ended in disharmony and strife. (Says uncle Eliezer: "That's not all bad either. It shows that the newcomers are integrating into a politically overheated and polarized community...")

And there are more of such items that disturb and worry some people among us. But in my opinion there is neither cause nor reason for being worried or upset. There is but a need to keep our collective eye on the overriding objectives.

Let's remember there has never been a mass migration of people anywhere without strain or pain. That's what happened during the exodus from Egypt and that's what happened in the early days of Canada's development. It would be unnatural if the present exodus of tens of thousands of Jews from the Soviet Union were not to produce some similar symptoms. So let's not be shocked.

What is central to the on-going, historic struggle of Soviet and world Jewry? (1) As a result of the inspiring efforts of the Jewish vanguard in Russia and the unflagging worldwide support the Kremlin was obliged to open its locked doors; that the tiny trickle has grown to about 30,000 emigrants a year and that the ransom edict was temporarily suspended. (2) That despite these gains the Soviet authorities continue to harass the applicants for exit visas and deprive them of their livelihood; refuses to release, from European and Siberian prisons, innocent men and women whose only guilt is their insistence on the universally recognized right to leave the country and go to Israel to join their families elsewhere; that the number of exit visas is still very small; that the religious, cultural and social aspirations of the millions of Soviet Jews is still being denied. We must, therefore, not be diverted from our main course--that of helping Soviet Jews.

So don't be shocked or disappointed. The Russian Jews don't have to apologize either; theirs is a shining record but they are, of course, human.... Aren't we all?

Organizations and People

what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

MISSISSAUGA PATHFINDERS

The newly-formed congregation in Mississauga is all set to go with a name, a spiritual leader, a shul and a school, according to board member Jack Krane. Congregation Solel (Pathfinder) has engaged Larry Englander, rabbinic student at Hebrew Union College (and Temple Sinai's first pre-rabbinic intern) who will be flying in from Cincinnati every other week to conduct Sabbath services and teach in the school. So far there are about 30 families and the hope is for more members. Lester Krames is president with an ad hoc executive -- that is anyone who wishes to serve on it. The synagogue is in Glen Erin Hall (west off Mississauga Rd., north of Dundas St.) and it is being made ready for the opening service Friday, Sept. 14, prior to the two-day High Holiday services. Meanwhile Sunday, Aug. 26, has been set aside for a clean-up picnic to get the school in order for classes to begin after the High Holidays. There will be 30 children at the school with teacher-parents manning the classrooms along with the rabbi. Mr. Krane tells us that the congregation got off the ground with the help of many in-the-area rabbis, particularly Herbert Feder of Beth Tikvah, W. Gunther Plaut of Holy Blossom and Bernard Baskin of Hamilton's Temple Anshe Sholom.

ARCHIVES PROJECT

Canadian Jewish Congress Central Region reports that their archives program is now underway with part-time archivist Stephen Speisman, a University of Toronto doctoral student in history working out of a temporary office at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. The archives committee, under the chairmanship of Victor Sefton, has plans for several archival and historical projects which will involve storing, cataloguing and displaying of materials.

WEST COAST SEMINAR

Some 200 teenagers from the Canadian and U.S. West Coast will be attending a Torah leadership seminar at Tumwater, Washington, Aug. 23-29. The annual meeting is sponsored by the Youth Bureau of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, an affiliate of Yeshiva University in New York. The seminar staff includes four Vancouverites--Congregation Shaare Tzedeck's Rabbi Marvin Hier and youth director Joel Cutler, Vancouver Day School principal Rabbi Pincus Bak and faculty member Rabbi Shlomo Schwartz.

SINGLES-SWINGLES

The Beth Sholom Singles-Swingles group is showing the film **Let My People Go** on Sunday, Aug. 19, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue on Eglinton Ave. W. Following the award winning film which deals with the Holocaust, Rabbi Meir Gottesman will lead a discussion on **What the Holocaust and the Birth of Israel Means to the Young Single Jew**. The singles group is for those aged 21-35.

AN NEW APPROACH

Four Cleveland Jews have started an advertising campaign to encourage more Jewish parents to provide ritual circumcisions for their sons. The four--a rabbi, an attorney and two businessmen--calling themselves Concerned Jews for Mitzvah Observance, have been placing ads in the **Cleveland Jewish News** stressing the importance of Brit Milah as being "rooted to the continued existence of the Jewish people." Two telephone numbers accompany each insertion and apparently the response has been gratifying.

ISRAELI FILM IN MOSCOW

An Israeli-made film, **Siege**, has been showing during a film festival in Moscow. The showing was not part of the festival's official program and was seen by a restricted audience of invited viewers. Two further showings were also by special invitation. Russian Jews who want to see the film will not be able to do so. It is the custom for USSR film festivals to bar the public.

THE PROTEST SCENE

At its annual convention in Indianapolis, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People passed a resolution calling upon the U.S. government to use its influence to gain release from Russian tyranny for all Russian Jews who wish to leave.

And on the other side of the world several hundred members of the Sydney (Australia) Jewish community staged a demonstration before a performance of the Leningrad-Kirov Ballet there demanding that former Kirov company members Valery and Galina Panov be allowed to emigrate from the Soviet Union. They chanted slogans for an hour before the curtain went up and as the audience left the theatre they were greeted by a crowd holding placards protesting the treatment of the Panovs.

ALL JOKING ASIDE

True, Watergate is no laughing matter but one of the funnies making the rounds --if you understand a little Yiddish-- is "er geht, zie geht, Watergate."

Needs of Israel's immigrants are focal points of '73 CJA

From our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL-

This year, Montreal's Combined Jewish Appeal has taken on its most ambitious financial aim to date, setting a goal that will test the community's readiness to sacrifice personal dollars for a land that is as close as next door and as far away as an ocean.

The man who is gearing the community for the forthcoming struggle is Simon Cobrin, a textile and real estate businessman who has been associated with the annual drive in top positions for the last eight years.

The campaign chief is keenly aware of the present world economic situation as it effects Israel, and as a result, the special demands that must be shouldered by the world's Jewish communities.

"The West, for example, is becoming more dependent on Arab oil, and this will possibly have an effect on government attitude towards Israel. The Arabs can pressure countries using currency and oil as levers. Moreover, there is an explosive increase in revenue to Arab countries, who now have deep pools of cash available.

"Fortunately, there is no crisis in Israel, and we are raising funds in order to prevent a crisis. Israel has the kind of influence that the Arabs can't match...she has the Jewish people behind her," he added.

Over the last several months Cobrin has been organizing an impressive force of 4,000 volunteers including--to mention only a few leaders--Cecil Vineberg, E. Leo Corber, Saul Tarnofsky, Phil Levenson, Morton Levine and Nettie Weinstein.

Cobrin is an imposing figure, a tall man who is deeply touched by the persistent needs expressed by the elderly, by the poor, by the young, and especially by Israel. When he sees pictures of immigrants flooding into Lod Airport he is reminded that "it could have been me."

His parents left the Soviet Union when he was only one-year-old, and settled in the small textile town of Shawinigan Falls.

As a child he experienced the quiet anti-Semitism that exists in a town where only four Jewish families made their home. As a child he came to realize the crying need for a Jewish homeland.

According to Cobrin, the most dominant area in Israeli life where funds are urgently required is in the immigration domain, where some 70,000 newcomers are expected within the year. Breaking down this figure, he explains that it represents an influx of 200 persons a day, where some 65 apartment units and 40 new seats in schools are needed. On the local scene, Montrealers spend close to $1 million a year assisting immigrants to settle in this community.

Cobrin has an understanding of the demanding need for dollars at the local level where Jewish education is a pressing concern that will require expanding funds each year.

Moreover, contrary to popular belief, the advent of the new health and social services law Chapter 48, doesn't mean that the Jewish community will be spending less money in the health area.

"Hospitals still look at Allied Jewish Community Services to support their special projects in research and innovative programs which the government doesn't cover. Some $100,000 was spent last year on the elderly in private nursing home facilities because the Jewish Nursing Homes had no beds available. At Maimonides Hospital and Home for the Aged there is a two year waiting list for beds."

Cobrin also cited an expenditure of $120,000 for direct assistance to the poor and he reported that an additional $100,000 will have to be spent in the coming year.

In celebration of Israel's 25th anniversary, the Cobrin campaign has established the "25 Club," a group whose membership is based on gifts of $25,000 or more to this year's combined appeal.

Simon Cobrin (sitting) campaign chief of Montreal's Combined Jewish Appeal, looks over last years' cards with Emanuel Weiner, recently appointed professional in charge of the annual fund raising campaign.

Putting back family practice into medicine is purpose of centre

By T. SCHNURMACHER

MONTREAL-

Do you think your son is on drugs? Have you noticed a sudden tiredness in yourself? Or are you just about due for a checkup? In any case, the Family Practice Centre, of the Jewish General Hospital is ready to serve you.

The centre, headed by Dr Isaac Tannenbaum, was open a year ago. Since then, it has been offering service five days and three nights per week. Dr. Tannenbaum explained the function of the centre: "The purpose is twofold, to treat the patient in the context of his whole environment and to teach the latest methods of family practice to doctors and other medical professionals."

The Family Practice Centre believes in a psychosocial approach to medical care. With the new appointment system, the doctor can given the patient his full attention and a patient no longer has to have a good strong complaint in order to be seen in a clinic. The medical consultants want to see the patient before his troubles become too severe.

...about people

Walkers for Soviet Jewry—Top row: Heather Schwartz, Rena Epstein, Lori Greenspoon, Judy Zucker, Temi Silver, Robin Shapiro, Tami Silverberg, Centre row: Gayle Skurka, Eva Vago, Susan Manghise, Cindy Howard, Marla Cohen. Bottom row: Senior and assistant counsellors Lori Tamari and Cindy Pincus. The walkers collected $225.

A group of teenage girls away at summer camp in Muskoka decided they wanted to do something to help the Jews of Russia. Taking time out from their fun and games activity-filled schedule, the 12 cabinmates at Camp Blue Moon and their two counsellors walked from the campsite to the town of Huntsville -- a 13-mile country-road hike--to raise money for Soviet Jews. The youngsters, in the 13-14 age range, collected $225 by getting sponsors for their walk plus a contribution from the camp itself, and they sent the money on to the National Committee for Soviet Jewry at Congress.

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Earlier this month Canadian Pioneer Women leaders--president **Freda Sohmer** and immediate past president **Ruth Wolfish**--were on hand for the opening ceremonies of the new community centre sponsored by their organization in Givatayim, a suburb of Tel Aviv. The centre, the third such project to be established in Israel by the Canadian group, will accommodate the pre-school children of working mothers, as well as provide vocational training for teenage girls and home economics courses for mothers.

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With her appointment as administrator of the Keren Hatarbut Institute of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region, **Daniella Bar-el** joins her husband, Israel Aliyah Centre director **Joshua Bar-el**, in CZF work. A teacher in elementary and secondary schools for the past 13 years -- her most recent post was as French specialist at Toronto's Eitz Chaim Schools -- Mrs. Bar-el left her native France for Israel in 1949. She is a French and English graduate of Bar-Ilan University, going on from there to the university's School of Education for a high school teaching certificate.

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From one mother to another--English actress **Hayley Mills**, carrying her own six-month old baby, led a protest by 20 mothers and their babies outside the Soviet embassy in London. They were demanding the release of a young Russian Jew, **Isai Goldstein**, who is awaiting trial in Russia for "anti-Soviet activity." His wife Elizabeta expects a baby in October.

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Victor Feldbrill, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra's director of youth programming, is also presently the TSO's resident conductor filling in until a successor to the late Karel Ancerl is appointed.

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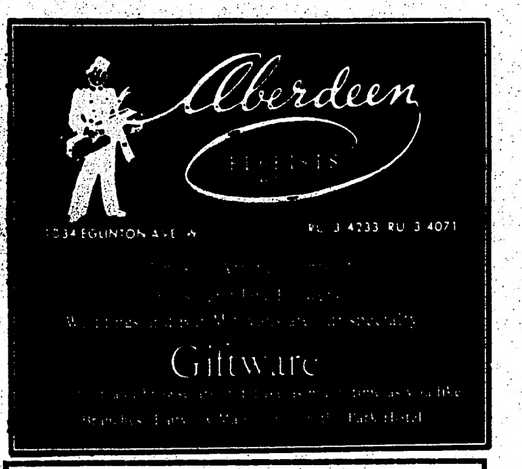

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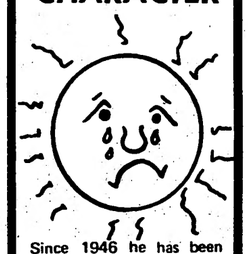

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Toronto Launches "Project Canada"

Plan to build Israel "Reception Centers" for Russian Immigrants undertaken by the United Israel Appeal of Canada, Inc.

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Work has already started in building the two new Absorption Centers sponsored by Canadian Jewry . . . above, clearing the Absorption Centre site in Ashkelon.

We, the Jews of Canada now have a unique opportunity to provide these Absorption Centers, thus fulfilling our promise to become totally involved in the future of Israel.

"Absorption" -- the key work in the continuing struggle to settle immigrants from Russia into the mainstream of Israel's life -- is to receive a dynamic new stimulus through a special 25th Anniversary project adopted by Jewry of Canada and to be launched by the Toronto Jewish community this month.

To be known as "Project Canada," the undertaking consists of two substantial Absorption Centers costing some $2,000,000 each, to be constructed in Ashkelon and Beersheba under the auspices of the United Israel Appeal of Canada. Jack Israeli, a prominent building developer and an active and leading member of the community has been appointed Toronto Chairman of "Project Canada"; a National Committee is currently being formed and the project already has been launched with a great degree of success in Western Canada and in a number of centers in the Ontario Region.

In commenting on the unusual new project, Mr. Israeli stated: "Despite an unending number of inhuman difficulties Russian Jewry -- fathers, mothers, grandparents, young people and children -- have managed to make their way to Israel. It's a new beginning for them. Language, housing, education, employment . . . all of these problems representing great worry and apprehension. Special Absorption Centres represent sort of a halfway house for them . . . a friendly, wholesome enviornment in which the troubles of the past can be allayed by the promise of the future.

"Canadian Jewry will mark the celebration of Israel's 25th Anniversary by undertaking the responsibility for making available two of these vitally needed Absorption Centres for Russian Jews coming to Israel. To say that 'Project Canada' is an urgent necessity is to speak in minimum terms. Think of what would have happened had we the funds for adequate Absorption Centres in the early fifties, thus eliminating the tin shacks of the ma'abarot! There is no doublt that Israel society today would have been more wholesome and less problem ridden.

"'Project Canada' offers an unusual opportunity for Canadians to link their names for all time with Israel by providing newcomers with the facilities for establishing a strong foothold in the life of the nation.

"Project Israel" Toronto Chairman

Jack Israeli
. . . building developer and prominent Toronto community leader . . . Toronto Chairman

"I know that our Toronto Jewish community which has always been farsighted and generous", Mr. Israeli concluded, "will respond with generosity of heart and of means."

Gifts to "Project Canada" are invited in two specific categories as follows:

- "Benefactor" of a new Absorption Centre by contributing $10,000 or more (over and above your annual UJA gift), and
- "Sponsor" of a new Absorption Centre by contributing $5,000 or more (over and above your annual UJA gift).

The names of all contributors will be inscribed on a permanent plaque to be installed within one of the Absorption Centres, and each gift will be acknowledged in an appropriate way directly from Israel.

In a message to Canadian Jewry upon hearing of "Project Canada", Prime Minister Golda Meir said: "In the 25th year of Israel's independence, I am gratified to learn that Canadian Jewry has taken upon itself the construction of these vitally needed Absorption Centres. This direct involvement in immigration and absorption is a living expression of your steadfast solidarity with the State of Israel."

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Speaking on the importance of absorption centers, Arnold Portigal, National Chairman of "Project Canada" stated:

"Each day, more and more Jewish families from Russia arrive in Israel. Years of suffering could not dim their hope, and when that dream is finally realized and they stand on the soil of Israel, their eyes are still on the future. Language? Housing? Education? Employment?

For new immigrants in Israel, the beginning is an Absorption Centre. Here they live for six months. Here they learn Hebrew. Here they meet Israel, the reality. Each day brings a new word, new hope, new confidence for their future lives as Israelis. The Absorption Centre is more than a room for a night or a week; it is a bridge between their past and their future.

"We, the Jews of Canada, have promised to provide for Israel's humanitarian needs and we are keeping that promise. Now, over and above this, we have the privilege to provide Absorption Centres in Israel's most vital areas . . . an opportunity of linking our name forever with the State of Israel at the time of its 25th year of life by providing new beginnings to the hard-pressed immigrants from Russia."

Full information on "Project Canada" can be obtained by contacting Yehuda Noy, Executive Director, United Israel Appeal of Canada, Ontario Region, 788 Marlee Ave., Toronto, phone (406) 781-9309

Highly Successful Kick-off of "Project Canada" in Ontario Region

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"Project Canada" is now underway in some 28 communities throughout Ontario, and already a great degree of success has been achieved in Hamilton, London, Kingston, Peterborough, Chatham and St. Catharines. The Appointment of "Project Canada" Chairmen in these communities is to take place within the coming weeks.

Chairman already appointed include: Ben Swartz of Peterborough, Harry Rosen of Kingston, Syd Vaisler of London and Sam Taylor of Hamilton.

One of the first subscribers to "Project Canada" was Daniel Monson of St. Catharines who is President of the Zionist Organization of Canada. Mr. Monson's response is typical of the enthusiastic reception "Project Canada" is receiving throughout the Ontairo Region.

Through this unique and humanitarian project, the Ontario Jewish Communities have an opportunity fo fulfill the promise of becoming totally involved in the future of Israel through that tiny nation's greatest asset . . . the human resources coming to her shores each and every day.

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The park, the first of its kind in Canada, exhibits wildlife in what park president, Col. G. Dailley, terms "a relatively free and unrestricted environment.

"In Africa, North America and other areas of the world," he continued, "the constant encroachment of civilization on the natural range of wildlife is taking its toll. To preserve this wildlife for future generations it is essential that large scale reserves be set up to preserve endangered wild animals and hopefully establish breeding groups of these increasingly rare animals."

Just as important, however, are the educational and entertainment aspects of displaying these wild animals as well as a wide variety of smaller animals and birds in the Pet's Corner. An opportunity is provided here to capture rare moments on film.

Another highlight of a visit to the park is a ride on the water safari boat. On this trip, visitors can observe a colony of California sea lions who follow the boat and often "hitch" a ride to beg for treats of fish. Other animals may be viewed on the islands in the Water Safari lake.

After this busy day, one is not finished yet. Not without a ride on the Nature Boy Scenic Railroad. The clickety-clack of the wheels on the track of the 24-gauge Nature Boy Railroad is reminiscent of days gone by as it chugs around the waterfowl lake.

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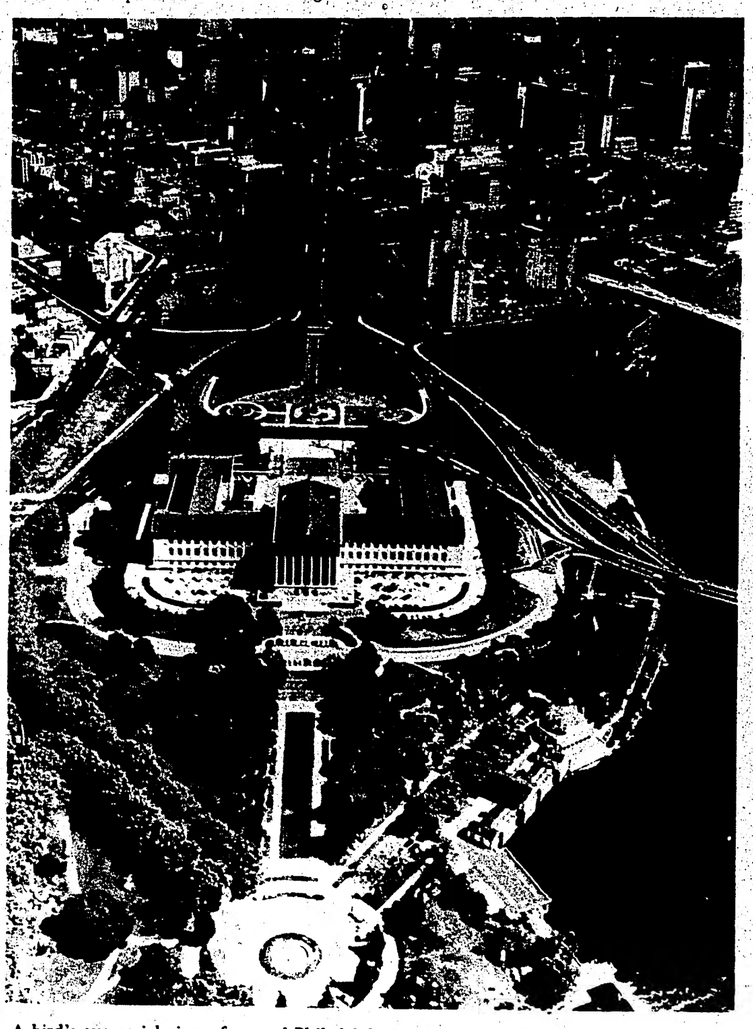

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Koffler heads 1974 UJA campaign

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of Canadian leaders was on hand when the cornerstone was laid for the Koffler Accelerator Tower, the first phase of the nuclear centre.

Koffler is the founder and the national president of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute.

Koffler is the founding director of the John Bassett Sports and Cultural Centre in the Arava in Israel, and one of the highlights of the forthcoming mission in November will be the official opening of the centre with Mr. and Mrs. John Bassett and many others present. He is director of the New Mount Sinai Hospital and has established there the Koffler Ambulatory Care Floor. He is founder and director of Temple Emanu-el in Toronto and established its religious school.

He is a director of a great many community and business organizations and is a member of the Governing Council of the University of Toronto.

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As a pharmacist, he was alarmed by the growing drug problems of youth, and set wheels in motion within the drug industry to cope with this situation. He started by writing letters to 200 company presidents, appealing to their sense of responsibility, and as a result, the Council on Drug Abuse was founded, with Koffler serving as its first president.

In keeping with his many involvements with community service, Koffler also founded the Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition which has grown from a small display of local artists in the courtyard of the Four Seasons Motel on Jarvis Street to one of Toronto's biggest public attractions in City Hall Square, sponsored by both the city and the province, and provides young budding artists with a unique opportunity to display their work.

Aged 49, Koffler is an avid sportsman and enjoys sailing, skiing, tennis and riding. He is president of the Jokers Hill Horse Trials and played host to Prince Philip recently when the prince officially opened the trials for the 1973 North American Continental Championship.

He is married to the former Marvelle Seligman who is equally involved in the community. The Kofflers have three sons, Leon, Tommy and Adam, and two daughters, Theo and Tiana.

Third year of ceasefire is observed in Israel

JERUSALEM—
Israel last week celebrated the third anniversary of the ceasefire on the Suez Canal. The "1,000 days' " war of attrition ended when Egypt and Israel accepted the initiative of the United States on Aug. 7, 1970.

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BONN—
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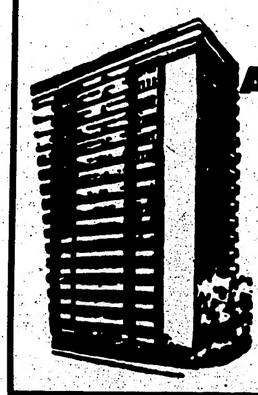
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Arts

Natalia Makarova of the Pennsylvania Ballet danced at the O'Keefe Centre recently.

Prima donna of a ballerina

ballet

By LYNN SLOTKIN

Barbara Weisberger, the artistic director of the Pennsylvania Ballet, which performed at the O'Keefe last week, has every reason to be proud of her troupe. After 10 years of hard work, Mrs. Weisberger heads a company that is good looking, energetic and, in the ballerina department, technically quite good. The male members of the troupe could stand, however, with more attention to their technique and their co-ordination with each other.

The first piece (in an evening of five selections) **Madrigalesco**, had the most faults; one might say it proved to be a stumbling block to some, because dancers were losing their balance, landing heavily and unevenly.

Benjamin Harkaruy's choreography didn't add much. It was unfocused and rather jumbled, visually.

His choreography of **Recital For Cello And Eight Dancers** was infinitely better, simpler. The execution of the piece by the company was also quite good. There was an assured controlledness in the dancing. However, David Guggenheim's playing of the cello left a lot to be desired. There is nothing worse than the scratchy, whiney playing of a cello (except, perhaps, the scratchy, whiney playing of two cellos)!

The company hit their peak in **Scotch Symphony**, choreographed by George Balanchine. The company's dancing of this piece, about a Scotsman's love for a Sylph, was well co-ordinated, strongly danced and with great confidence, especially by the lithe Alba Calzada as the sylph.

As interesting as the Pennsylvania Ballet was, the reason for the whole evening was the appearance of Natalia Makarova, at one time the prima ballerina of the Leningrad Kirov Ballet, Rudolph Nureyev's alma mater.

Miss Makarova, to say the least, was fascinating to watch as she danced her two selections. At times she was technically perfect. But it was what she did with the interpretation of these pieces that made one sit up and take notice, and not necessarily for the good.

Her rendition of Fokine's **The Dying Swan** was full of power and energy. Her arms were flexible and undulated slowly, suggesting wings; but for me, suggesting (she was a dying swan) was one thing and causing me to believe it, quite another. I never believed her. While her arms were slowly waving one still sensed power there. Her legs, always 'on point,' jabbed and kicked the air. Saint Saens' slow, mournful, haunting music suggests the death of a frail bird because of age or a "broken heart." Makarova's interpretation presents the death of a bird of herculean strength fighting the effects of an impending, unnatural death (maybe Makarova's swan was shot, although, I don't think that's what Folkine had in mind).

In **The Black Swan Pas De Deux** (from **Swan Lake**), Miss Makarova danced the part of Odile, a woman/swan sent to bewitch Prince Siegfried (danced by Lawrence Rhodes). Miss Makarova's dancing was more in keeping with the character she was portraying. Her technique was impeccable. She was daring, yet always controlled. She barely looked at Rhodes (Siefgried) yet one bat of her eye-lashes bewitched him. Then she set her sights on something larger --the audience. She smiled; she glanced demurely; she flicked her head and arm as a swan might do; in other words, she over-acted to the hilt and the audience loved it.

But I can't help but wish that Miss Makarova would have stopped her "fooling around," her playing with the audience, and just gone ahead and given an honest performance. As it stands she is a good ballerina who could be great if her intellect and sensitivity weren't fighting a loosing battle to her overpowering personality and desire to show off.

'Programming has been woefully inadequate'

Air shows need more intellectual tune

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Throughout North America, Jewish - content radio programming has been, on the whole, woefully inadequate. In New York, with a Jewish population of 2.3 million, there is only one station (WEVD) that programs four hours a day of Jewish content on a signal of only 1,000 watts (the maximum is 50,000). Contrast this with the presence of three 24-hour-a-day Black AM and one Black FM radio stations (the Black population of New York - Newark - lower Westchester is 2.1 million). Three other major American cities average one daily hour apiece.

In Montreal, CFMB broadcasts an hour each day of Jewish content; plus CKVL-FM broadcasts a Jewish religious program on weekends. Since I have not been to Montreal in almost a year, I can't evaluate the current level of Jewish programming there. I don't know what, if any, Jewish radio programming exists in Winnipeg or Vancouver. However, I feel that it is time to honestly evaluate, as an example, the Sam Yuchtman Jewish programming to be found in Toronto on radio station CHIN, in order to assess the strengths and weaknesses of Jewish radio programming in North America as a whole.

As Toronto Jews all know, the Yuchtman format consists of the hourly **Shalom** on CHIN on weekday mornings from 11 a.m. to noon, plus the Sunday morning **Ontario Jewish Hour**.

Shalom is the stronger of the two programs. The usual format is to play two Jewish - content or Israeli albums. The best aspect of this program is that it does provide the only opportunity to hear what is happening on Israel's current contemporary music scene. Before, there was a time lag; now, however, records that were pressed in Tel Aviv as short as three months ago can now be heard on CHIN.

This redeeming feature of **Shalom** does not atone for its many weaknesses, including (1) the inclusion of much inane Muzak (under the heading of "Canadian content") that lacks any Jewish substance; (2) the total lack of any identifiable Jewish perspective in Susan Cohen's minute - long entertainment column and her failure to review any Jewish or Israeli cultural events in Toronto; (3) the scanty coverage of Jewish communal events; and, last but not least, (4) host Zelda Young, who relinquishes the opportunity to provide intelligent conversation and lucid comment concerning Israel and Jewry, in favor of a "hausfrau - yenta" chitchat session.

Certainly, any Jewish program must include some daily meaty news commentary from a specifically Jewish viewpoint; the CBC certainly won't give us that. Ben Kayfetz's weekly Friday message tries its best, but one minute per week is certainly inadequate.

Although the Ontario Jewish **Hour** lacks the Muzak and Zelda Young, its coverage of Israel's contemporary music scene is less satisfactory and its various hosts also fail to provide more than routine interest. On the whole, for a city that is one of the four North American Jewish cultural centres, the Yuchtman programs could be much more relevant, dynamic, in tune to a younger Jewish generation experiencing a reawakening of interest in all matters Jewish; in short, much more affirmatively, intellectually and aggressively Jewish than they currently are.

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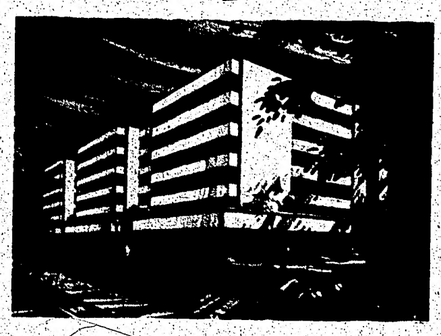

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